

# Summer Day Camp FAQ

**I only need care on Mondays and Tuesdays, is there any way to sign up for those two days?**

Unfortunately, in order to maximize on the number of children we are licensed for, we have the following options only, Monday through Friday; Monday/Wednesday/Friday; or Tuesday/Thursday.

**Does my child need to stay the entire day?** Except for field trips, when we are away from the site, you may drop your child off and pick them up at whatever time you would like. Some youth participate in other activities or tutoring during the summer and we try to be flexible to accommodate those needs. We start our programmed activities after roll call at 8:45am and end programmed activities at 4:00pm. Check the weekly calendars to see where we are and what we are doing to see if there are any potential issues. We do appreciate advance notice if your child will be late. There is no proration for missed time at camp.

**My child has attended full-day preschool. Do you ever make an exception to your K-5th grade rule?** So sorry, no, we do not make any exceptions to the grade requirement. All youth must have attended K-5th the school year prior to camp. We hope you will consider our camp for the following summer.

**How quickly does your camp fill?**

The last two years, sessions have filled in minutes to hours the first day of registration.

**Do you break the kids up by ages during camp?** Yes, approximately half the day is spent in smaller groups usually separated by grade (K&1, 2&3, 4&5). Generally, they are in small groups for arts & crafts and the sports & game portion of the day. The rest of the day (free play, snack, lunch), all 60 kids are together as one large group.

**Where do you go on field trips?** We travel along the front range (up to an hour bus ride). Past favorites include: Denver Zoo, DMNS, Brighton Oasis, APEX Pool, Broomfield Bay, X-treme Challenge, Mid Air Adventures, Denver Firefighters Museum, Skate City, to name a few.

**How do you supervise your field trips?** We increase our ratios on field trips days. State licensing allows 15 youth to one counselor, but here at the Louisville Recreation Center, each counselor will have no more than 4-6 youth. Smaller groups also allow the youth opportunities to explore the areas they would like at the rate they would like for a more enjoyable field trip experience. All counselors are equipped with a first aid pack, an emergency phone list and a staff/group phone list for the day.

**My child has an epi pen.** The safety of our campers is extremely important. Our head camp counselors all attend a training called Medication Administration and are then delegated to by a nurse consultant. We take allergies very seriously and take precautions to decrease the opportunities for any allergic reactions. However, if a situation does arise, our staff has the training to act quickly and effectively. Please be sure to read more in our Family Handbook about Medications at Camp and call if you have any other questions.

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**My child is not a real strong swimmer– how do you handle your swim days?** First, we increase our supervision to at swim times. Second, we station staff around the pool so that in addition to the lifeguards, our staff is in all areas. Third, we have all campers ages 6 and under wear a swim band– noting kids that must stay in the smaller pool or be 1:1 with a counselor. Children 6 and younger automatically get a kids pool band unless they pass a swim test with a staff member. If you have an older child that you would like to be limited to the kids pool, please speak with a head camp counselor. Lastly, on outdoor and off-site pool trips, all campers and staff wear a LRC camp swim shirt (spf 50 tech shirt) for quick identification and sun protection. We swim at the Rec Center on Tuesday afternoons and Memory Square on most Friday afternoons (pick up at Memory Square those days).

**Can I join you on a swim day or field trip?** We have, on occasion, had a parent who would like to be with their child during a trip/swim day. Our door is always open, however, if you choose to join us on a trip/swim day, we ask that you sign your child out into your care so there is no confusion between you, your child, the counselors and other campers about who is in charge of your child. In addition, we ask that you abide by all camp policies while with the group and pay any entrance fees.

**Tell me about your staff.** Here at the Louisville Recreation Center, we have a very high return rate of both our campers and our staff. Normally, we have a diverse staff made up of education professionals (elementary teachers), college students and high school students. They all have experience and a desire to work with youth. Our campers will tell you that they have the best counselors! All staff complete an extensive background test, are certified in 1st Aid and CPR and receive 20+ hour of training before camp begins. You may also see CIT's (Counselors In Training) who are volunteers who have an interest in working with children. CIT's are never alone with campers and do not handle discipline issues.

**Do you charge a fee to be on the waitlist and how will I know if there is an opening for my child?** We do not charge any fees to be on the waitlist. If we receive a cancellation, we will start with the first person on the waitlist and work our way down. If you receive a message that there is an opening, we give a minimum of 24 hours to call us back to accept the spot and pay for the session. If you decide you are no longer interested in being on certain waitlists, please contact us to remove your child from the waitlist so we have a more accurate list and can accommodate families quicker.

**Will the Recreation Center Expansion impact camp 2017?**

The timeline proposed by the architects show ground breaking happening no earlier than fall 2017, so there will be no impact to the location for Summer Day Camp 2017.

**Do you have any tips for a parent with multiple children on completing all the camp forms?** Yes, a great tip we learned from a parent of three children is to print out one copy of the admission form, fill in all the standard info that is the same for all the children (parents info, addresses, etc), then make a copy for each child and fill in their individual information. All paperwork is required by the State of Colorado since we are a licensed camp and is due at the Open House in May.

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